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Dear Mr. Nguyen:

After reviewing the broad claims and the Jensen reference, we believe the claims are distinguishable since the reference does not represent each play, since each drive, which makes up a plurality of plays, is represented by only a single line, thereby failing to convey information on the nature of each play. The broad claims 1, 14, 27, 41, and 55 include limitation that each of the at least two plays can be distinguished from each other. As to claims 61, 63 and 65, the reference does not display information regarding at least one play represented by one of a plurality of symbols.

Although we do not have an amendment at this time, we believe an interview is useful for focusing and reaching an understanding on the issue.

Very truly yours,

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